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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	API-1030
First Inventor	James R. Butler et al.
Title	Method for Improved Production
Express Mail Label No.	EL978749578US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 15]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets _____]
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 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of *(when there is an assignee)* Attorney
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
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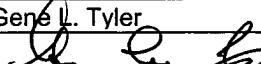
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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)
\$770				

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	16	-20** =	X \$18	=	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	- 3** =	X \$86	=	
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252 205 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502 235 Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503 315 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$40
1809	750	2809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810 375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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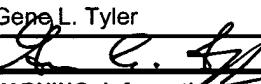
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